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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year, 1939.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF
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Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

The area of the Borough is 11,937 acres.

The resident Population was 2,627.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1939, according to the Rate Books was 900.

The Rateable Value was £15,862.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £62.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Birth		Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS. - Legitimate...	....	~~15~~ 16	~~19~~ 25	~~34~~ 41
Illegitimate..	....	~~2~~ 0	~~2~~ 3	~~4~~ 3
		~~17~~ 16	~~21~~ 28	~~38~~ 44

This gives a Birth Rate of 16.74 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 15.0.

Birth Rates for the past five years -

	Lydd	England & Wales
1935	16.24	14.70
1936	12.90	14.80
1937	13.31	14.90
1938	12.89	15.10
1939	16.74	15.00
Average ...	14.41	14.90

Still Births - Rate per 1,000 Total (live & Still) births
There were no Still Births

DEATHS Males - ~~21~~ 16 .. .. Females - ~~15~~ 11 .. .. Total - ~~36~~ 27

This gives the Death Rate of 9.99 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The Death Rate for England and Wales was 12.10.

Death Rates for the past five years -

	Lydd	England & Wales
1935	9.95	11.70
1936	9.70	12.10
1937	9.45	12.40
1938	12.21	11.60
1939	9.99	12.10
Average	10.26	11.98

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Deaths from puerperal causes per 1,000 live and still births

	Total
Pueperal Sepsis.	nil
Other puerperal causes.....	nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births -	45.45
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births -	45.45
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births -	00.00

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - ~~2~~ 4
Deaths from Measles (all ages) - Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) - Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) - 2.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality.

The conditions of occupation and environment are good.

There was no marked degree of unemployment.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS REMAIN THE SAME.

WATER SUPPLY.

There was no shortage of water during the year and the process of chlorination was carried on more satisfactorily.

A Chemical Analysis of the Littlestone Company's water was made in August and it was found to be of very good organic quality.

The following cases of infectious Diseases were notified during the year:

Tuberculosis.	(Non-pulmonary)	2
Pneumonia	.. ..	4
Scarlet Fever	... .	5

The two cases of Tuberculosis were removed to special hospitals and the cases of Scarlet Fever to the Isolation Hospital.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARNOLD McMILLAN.

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